

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 6 are amended. No new matter is presented. Applicants acknowledge the Examiner for the recently conducted interview. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, it is submitted that claims 1-6 recite patentable subject matter. Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6.

Claim 1, 2, and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fuminori (Japanese Patent Publication 2001-289675) in view Everett (U.S. Patent No. 6,690,804). The Examiner takes the position that the combination of Everett and Fuminori teach or suggest all the features recited in claim 1. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Fuminori is directed to a radio transmission apparatus which includes a wireless microphone, a transceiver, or a radio transmitter, the audio equipment equipped with a sound recording function like a tape recorder. Fuminori also discloses a circuit changing switch.

Everett is directed lighted microphone cable indicator. The lighting apparatus for use with a microphone and a sound mixing system is provide wherein each microphone has a associated channel located in the sound mixing system. Each microphone has a lighting means that assigns a particular color to that particular microphone and each channel has the same color associated with it as the color identifying the microphone.

Claims 1 and 6 are amended to recite an arrangement of a plurality of wireless microphones, wherein the wireless microphone is differentiated between other microphones of the arrangement within an area by illuminating a color marking which distinguishes the microphone from other microphones having different color markings. In contrast to the cited references, the claimed invention provides an arrangement of wireless microphones that can be differentiated between the microphones within the studio by the lighting up of a determined color marking which distinguishes one microphone from other microphones with other color markings.

It is submitted that the cited references fail to teach or suggest the features of the claims invention. Specifically, the combination of the cited references fails to teach or suggest an arrangement of a plurality of wireless microphones, where the wireless microphone is differentiated between other microphones of the arrangement.

Fuminori discloses a microphone have a peak indicator. Although Fuminori does not disclose multiple microphones, if there are then each of these microphones would emit the same light of the same color. Fuminori does teach or suggest an arrangement of microphones. Even if Fuminori can provide for multiple microphones, Fuminori does not teach or suggest that the arrangement of the microphones can be differentiated as provided in the claimed invention.

It is further submitted that Everett does not cure the deficiencies of Fuminori. Although Everett discloses a lighted microphone cable indicator, Everett does not disclose a wireless microphone nor does Everett provide for an arrangement of a plurality of wireless microphones that can be differentiated from other wireless microphones having different color markings. The Examiner indicates that Column 4, Lines 45-47 discloses "that the light source holder 100 is easily replaceable, the color associated with that microphone 20 can be changed as desired". Although the color associated with the microphone can be changed, Everett does not disclose multiple color markings for each microphone nor does Everett discloses having multiple color markings for a plurality of wireless microphones wherein each wireless microphone is differentiated between other microphones of the arrangement within an area by illuminating a color marking which distinguishes the microphone from other microphones having different color markings. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of the cited references fail to teach or suggest all the features recited in claims 1 and 6. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Everett in view of Fuminori and further in view of Bejin (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,729). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claim 3.

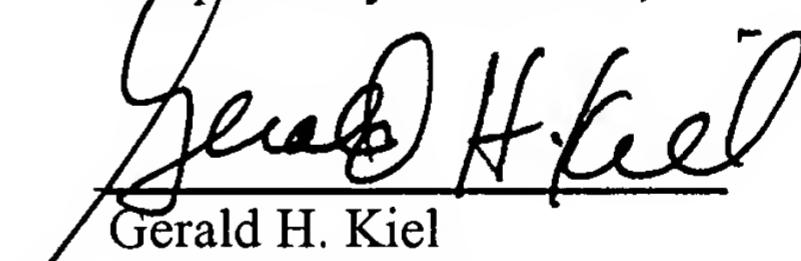
Claim 3 is dependent upon amended independent claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that claim 3 recites patentable subject matter for at least the reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Claims 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Everett in view of Fuminori and further in view of Freudenschuss et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,239,359). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 4 and 5.

Claims 4 and 5 are dependent upon amended independent claim 1. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 4 and 5 recite patentable subject matter for at least the reasons mentioned above. Accordingly, Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants request the favorable consideration of claims 1-6. A Notice of Allowance is requested.

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